

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FRIENDS OF  
UTAH STATE PARKS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution expresses appreciation for the support and dedication of the Friends of Utah State Parks.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the work of the Division of State Parks and the support of the Friends of Utah State Parks in the management, promotion, and development of our state parks;
- ▶ expresses gratitude for the work of former presidents of the Friends of Utah State Parks; and
- ▶ expresses appreciation for the support and dedication of the Friends of Utah State Parks Board and its members, donors, and sponsors over the past 15 years.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks hosts millions of visitors each year at Utah's state parks and is the state's leading recreation expert;

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks manages recreation services, hosts visitors,



plans recreation opportunities, funds recreation development, enhances recreation experiences, builds recreation facilities, provides recreation programs, and brings economic growth to rural communities throughout Utah;

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks is recognized for having staff who provide unmatched customer service;

WHEREAS, the Legislature applauds the outstanding outdoor recreation leadership that the Division of State Parks provides to all who recreate outdoors;

WHEREAS, the Friends of Utah State Parks is a national example for how a private non-profit organization can effectively support, advocate for, and promote state parks;

WHEREAS, the Friends of Utah State Parks partnered with the Division of State Parks to gather financial donations, engage in park improvement projects, and offer community outreach;

WHEREAS, the Friends of Utah State Parks had 59 different volunteer board members from across the state who dedicated their time and talents to accomplishing the goals of the Division of State Parks;

WHEREAS, with the backing and generosity of corporate sponsors, members, community programs, and donors, the Friends of Utah State Parks raised \$391,000 toward matching grants for special projects and tree initiative programs over the past 15 years;

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks appreciates and is grateful for the contributions of the Friends of Utah State Parks;

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks' leadership team, consisting of Director Jeff Rasmussen, Deputy Director Dave Harris, and Deputy Director Scott Strong, on behalf of all Division staff, would like to express their sincere gratitude to the past Friends of Utah State Parks presidents:

Barbara Riddle;

Dan McConkie;

Jeff Packer; and

Jay Christianson; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature would like to express the Legislature's sincere appreciation to the leadership and members of the Friends of Utah State Parks, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and the Division of State Parks for their support, expertise, and dedication

59 to improving and enhancing the visitor experience at Utah's 46 fabulous state parks:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
61 Governor concurring therein, expresses appreciation for the support and dedication the Friends  
62 of Utah State Parks has provided for the past 15 years.

63           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor offer their special  
64 thanks to the Friends of Utah State Parks' board, members, donors, and sponsors for their  
65 dedication, commitment, talents, and financial support of Utah's wonderful state parks.